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A report from Hanoi by Jean Thorval of Agence France Presse quoted DRV officials as saying the situation in the north "is not as bad as certain Pentagon experts state. . . . Experience has taught us that, even when we are assured of continuous supplies, we should

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The following casualty figures for Indochina are based on U.S. government statistics. They are lower than U.S. casualties reported by the liberation forces. Figures are from Jan. 1, 1961 to Sept. 9, 1972. Figures in parentheses are for the week Sept. 2-9. Killed: 45,857 (1); "Non-combat" deaths: 10,269 (4); Wounded: 303,380 (8); Missing, captured: 1670.

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stock reserves. This is what we have done." Joseph Hersh, foreign reporter from the Monitor, wrote the bombing has not "seriously deprived the troops at the front of any weapons, ammunition or food or fuel. . . . It has not seriously weakened the war effort or the morale of the people." The Boston Globe commented recently: "The total inhumanity of what Americans are doing on orders of an American President devastates the spirit. . . . America will be a long time recovering from what it has done not only to a land of peasants but to itself."

A report by the CIA and the U.S. Defense Department, "leaked" to the press Sept. 12, said liberation forces could continue fighting "at the present rate" for the next two years. In a frank statement on the U.S.'s intention to commit genocide in Vietnam, a "high-ranking intelligence official" was quoted as saying: "They (the Vietnamese people) have not been hit fatally, but they are slowly bleeding to death—even if it takes two more years. . . . We are doing serious damage to their social structure."

Two Saigon legislators have called for a government investigation into charges a South Korean unit in Vietnam massacred 29 civilians on July 31. . . . Dien Tin, Saigon's main opposition paper, closed down Sept. 10, declaring it could not meet the regime's demand of \$50,000 deposit to cover any violations of the regime's severe press laws. Five days later 14 other papers shut down for the same reason. . . . Thieu plans to court-martial Gen. Vu Van Giai who was in charge of the forces who deserted Quang Tri in April.

Bombing of the Mekong Delta in southern South Vietnam is increasing markedly. Dispatch News Service International reported recently. Before this year, bombing the area was avoided due to the heavy population.